

To: The Montana Senate Fish and Game Committee

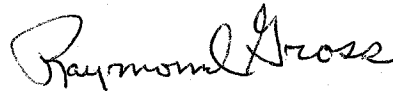
Ref HB 361

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Please vote against HB 361, because:

- The limited archery elk permit regulations were developed by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks, based on numerous public input, from all regions of Montana. HB 361 negates this process and this public input.
- This bill legislates wildlife management and takes away the management capabilities of the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.
- Wildlife is a public trust, and must be managed based on science, not for the economic benefits of a special interest group.
- I have archery hunted in Beaverhead County for the past three decades. In the past, I had many memorable hunts. Now there are few mature bulls and there are so many archery elk hunters, on public land, that the quality of the experience has greatly diminished. Last year I drew a limited elk permit in one of these hunt districts. I had a great hunting experience. The limited archery elk permits are an opportunity for the Montana resident bow hunter to have a quality elk hunt. And the number of resident, archery elk permits are high enough, that the resident hunter is almost assured to draw, if the archery elk permit is their first choice. I have a son and grandchildren that I hope will be able to experience this same quality of hunt. Please don't take this away.


Raymond Gross

Petition to oppose HB 361

"may not limit or reduce the number of archery-only elk permits available in a hunting district from the number issued for that district in 2007 OR IMPLEMENT LIMITED-ENTRY ARCHERY-ONLY ELK PERMITS IN A DISTRICT IN WHICH ARCHERY-ONLY ELK PERMITS WERE NOT REQUIRED IN 2007 unless the elk population in that district falls below 70% of the objective level determined according to 87-1-323(1)."

Thus eliminating the limited archery elk permit system in the Missouri Breaks and other limited archery elk permit districts.

We, the undersigned oppose HB 361 because:

- This bill legislates wildlife management and takes away the management capabilities of the FWP and FWP Commission.
- Wildlife must be managed based on science, not for the economic benefits of a special interest group.
- This bill promotes the privatization of wildlife.
- Prior to the limited archery elk permit regulations, some areas experienced tremendous over-crowding during the archery season, degrading the quality of the hunting experience.

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